

# 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project Project Update February 12, 2025

# Traffic Calming Feasibility Study (East Danube Road):

During public engagement for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project, City staff received comments regarding excessive traffic volume and speed along East Danube Road. City staff evaluated existing traffic conditions as part of the project's feasibility study and held an additional public meeting with adjacent properties on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regarding potential traffic calming options. Staff determined that while thresholds for City construction of traffic calming elements are not met, that neighborhood-initiated elements could be feasible due to traffic volumes on East Danube Road between Matterhorn Drive and North Innsbruck Drive. This means that traffic calming could be implemented if desired and funded by benefitting property owners.

On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, the City received a petition from benefitting properties to formally request the evaluation of traffic calming improvements along East Danube Road. Over the coming weeks, City staff will gather additional traffic data within the project area to evaluate the feasibility of various potential traffic calming implementations.

The findings of the traffic calming feasibility study will be brought to the City Council in March (tentative) and be made available on the City's project webpage once completed.

# Other City News

#### Home Programs Available

The City of Fridley offers a variety of programs to assist you in improving your home and property. Check the back of this flier for more information. Visit FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms to see a full list of available grants and loans.

#### Free Recycling Cart Upgrades

If your recycling cart if consistently overflowing, you can request a larger or additional recycling cart for no additional charge by filling out the request form at FridleyMN.gov/Recycling or calling 763-572-3594.

#### **New Zoning Permit Requirement**

The City is developing a new zoning permit for certain exterior projects to ensure that they meet local codes and regulations. Beginning this spring, residents will need a permit for the following types of projects:

- Fences: Any permanent fence or retaining wall
- Sheds: Accessory structures including storage sheds, which are permanently installed and over five feet tall.
- Other outdoor structures: Pergolas, decks, patios, etc., that do not otherwise require building permits.

For more information or an application, please visit FridleyMn.gov/ZoningPermits or call 763-572-3592.

# Project Contacts

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# **Project Schedule**

Preliminary Design	June - November 2024
Hearing on Improvements	December 2024
Final Design	December 2024 – February 2025
Public Bidding	February - March 2025
Project Award	March 2025
Construction	May - September 2025

Please note that all project schedule information is tentative and subject to change.

# **Stay Connected**

The City will be posting all project updates and notifications on the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Project Page (QR Code below).





# **Fridley Home Programs** Learn more at FridleyMN.gov/HomePrograms

# Please join us at the Home Owner Open House!

Wednesday March 19 from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. at Fridley City Hall (7071 University Ave NE)

Featured topics include available grants, loans, home energy squad services, and homeowner safety. Attendees are welcome to come to the event at any time during the event, no formal presentation will be given.

#### **Tree Planting and Programs**

Help reforest and beautify Fridley! The City currently has grant funding from the DNR for:

- Free removal of ash trees from properties occupied by income-qualified residents
- Free tree planting on properties occupied by income-qualified residents
- New! Receive up to two frees planted at no cost to you in the boulevard area of your home. The boulevard is the area typically located between 5-15 feet behind your curb, even if you don't have a sidewalk. There are no income qualifications for the boulevard tree planting program.

Learn more and claim your free trees at FridleyMN.gov/Forestry.

#### **Front Door Grant**

This program provides an incentive for homeowners to increase the "curb appeal" of their home (and the City) by making improvements on the street side of their home. Grant amounts range from \$1,000-5,000. Applications are due by April 14, 2025.

# **Residential Paint Program Rebate (Exterior Only)**

This program provides rebates of up to \$500 for exterior painting projects.

#### **Insulation Rebate**

This program provides a matching rebate for utility insulation rebates up to \$500. This rebate can also be stacked with the federal insulation tax credit valued up \$1,200. Find a full list of federal tax credits for energy efficiency at EnergyStar.gov/about/federal-tax-credits.

# **Home Energy Squad**

Receive a personalized home assessment from the experts at Home Energy Squad! Trained energy professionals will visit your home to install energy saving devices and provide recommendations on the most cost-effective ways to reduce your energy use. Visits are discounted 50% for Fridley residents by CenterPoint Energy. Sign up for your reduced cost visit HomeEnergySquadMN.com

# Water Efficiency Rebate

Receive a rebate of \$100-\$150 on your utility bill for switching to a water efficient appliance or irrigation system. Appliances must be purchased after July 31, 2024. Current rebate amounts are:

- Energy-Star labeled washing machine (\$150)
- Water-Sense labeled toilet (\$100)
- Irrigation audit by a certified irrigation professional (\$150) Visit FridleyMN.gov/WaterRebate to learn more.
- Energy-Star labeled dish washer (\$150)
- Water-Sense labeled irrigation control (\$150)
- Rain Barrel (\$50)

Grant programs typically require a signed agreement prior the program start. Please check the website for applicable rules.